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In re application of:

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CONCENTRATING AAV-2 AND
ANTIGEN PORTIONS THEREOF**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants are submitting herewith a Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments prior to considering the application.

THE AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Page 1, line 3, before "The present invention" insert --This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/508,037, filed June 23, 2000, which was the National Stage of International Application PCT/DE98/02569, filed September 1, 1998; which claims the priority of DE 197 38 292.4, filed September 2, 1997.--

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A method for purifying and concentrating AAV-2 and antigen portions thereof from a sample, said method comprising the steps of: